Hiring of Vehicles by Central Government Organisations

2550. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several Central Government organisations in the capital are hiring commercial as well as other vehicles for their day to day work;

(b) if so, whether Government have issued any directions/guidelines to all the Central Government Organisations not to hire more than three years' old commercial or other vehicles; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) For day to day work, staff cars are generally used. However, conveyances may be hired for casual departmental use. Taxies are hired for the use of State guests, and also for Inter-State and International Conference when staff cars are not adequate to meet the requirements.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Foreign Banks Operating in the Country

2551. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the foreign banks operating in the country with annual investment through cash credit accounts of Industries in the country and approximate turnovers.

(b) whether it is a fact that these banks are more concerned about repartriation of their profits and charges instead of reploughing the same for the growth of industries here;

(c) whether RBI's guidelines are openly flouted by most of such banks and;

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN): (a) As reproted by RBI, the data regarding cash credit, overdraft and loans repayable on demand as on 31.3.1998 generated from Component (II) of schedule No. 9 of balance sheets in respect of foreign banks, bankwise is given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(b) to (d) Foreign banks are allowed to remit profits/surplus (net of tax) earned in the normal course of business arising out of their Indian Operations to their Head Offices provided they comply with the provisions of Banking Regulations Act, 1949 and directions issued by RBI in this regard. Foreign banks are required to lend 32% of their net bank credit to the priority sector. There are also sub-targets for lending to small scale industries and export sector at 10% and 12% respectively, of the net bank credit. In case of shortfall in meeting the above requirement, they are required to deposit amount equal to the shortfall, with Small Industries Development Bank of India. Foreign banks also retain their profit in India for meeting capital adequacy requirements.

Statement

Details of the Cash Credits, Overdrafts and Loans Repayable on Demand as on 31st March 1998

Sr. No.	*Name of the Bank*	*(Rs. in crores)*
1.	*Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank*	*135.91*
2.	*ABN Amro Bank*	*721.08*